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Chief, Foreign Documents Division

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Chief, Materials Division, ORR

Request for Translation

1. It is requested that your Division arrange the translation of the book "Ekonomika Tsvetnoy Metallurgii SSSR" as soon as possible.

2. As indicated on Form 58-14, the degree of need for this translation is urgent. The reason for this urgency is that information regarding the production, processing, and use of nonferrous metals in the USSR has been carefully concealed since the 1930's. The adequacy of the supply of these materials and the Soviet technology employed in their exploitation has an important bearing on the capability of the USSR to support its industrial and military programs. The exploitation of the book will contribute significantly to research now in process or planned for the immediate future.

3. A preliminary scanning of "Ekonomika Tsvetnoy Metallurgii SSSR" indicates that the book contains a great deal of significant material not hitherto available. Written by highly qualified engineers and economists for use by institutes of higher learning and for production supervisors and engineers and published in January 1956, the volume is both timely and authentic.

4. In addition to the direct interest of the Nonferrous and Ferrous Metals Branches of the Materials Division, the subject matter outlined in the Table of Contents comprises economic and technological material of considerable value to all Divisions of the Economic Area of ORR, as well as to OSI.

5. In view of the inadequacy of present intelligence in this field, the contents of this book should be exploited as soon as possible. We have suggested a sequence of priorities for translation and request that the sections be made available to us as they are completed.

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